Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A food information management system~~,~~ comprising:

a food processing plant for producing and shipping <u>food in</u> food packages~~, each including processed food and an information storage medium comprising an RF-ID tag,~~ <u>each of the food packages comprising an RFID tag storing at least food identification information relating to the food in the food package;</u>

~~a food database kept in~~ a food information center <u>comprising a food database, the food database</u> ~~and storing pieces of~~ <u>comprising</u> food information classified by <u>the</u> food identification information;

~~information storage mediums each comprising an RF-ID tag and incorporated into a food and storing at least food ID information specifying the food;~~

—————————<u>a</u>read means ~~capable of~~ <u>for</u> reading the food ~~ID~~ <u>identification</u> information provided on the RFID tags ~~from the information storage medium~~ and <u>for</u> sending the food ~~ID~~ <u>identification</u> information to the food information center;

~~an~~ output means ~~capable of~~ <u>for</u> receiving <u>the</u> food information from the food information center; and

~~a~~ display means capable of displaying <u>the</u> food information ~~about a food~~;

wherein<u>:</u> ~~(1)~~

<u>when the read means sends the food identification information to</u> the food information center<u>, the food information center</u> retrieves <u>the</u> food information ~~about a food specified by~~<u>associated with the</u> -food ~~ID~~<u>identification</u> information<u>,</u> ~~given thereto by the read means~~ and sends the ~~same~~<u>food information</u> to the output means~~,~~<u>;</u>

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_____(2) the read means and the output means are ~~incorporated into~~ provided in a cooking device, and the read means and the output means interact with the food information center remotely over a network~~,~~; and

_____(3) the display means is connected to the output means.

2.   (Currently Amended) The food information management system according to claim 1, wherein

_____the food information ~~stored in the food database includes~~ comprises cooking conditions for cooking ~~foods~~ the food, ~~and~~ nutritive ingredients in the food, energy-producing values of the food and a weight of ~~foods~~ the food.

3.   (Currently Amended) The food information management system according to claim 1, wherein

_____the food information ~~stored in the food database includes~~ comprises nutritive ingredients in the food, forbidden ingredients in the food, energy-producing values of the food and a weight of ~~foods~~ the food.

4-6.   (Canceled)

7.   (Currently Amended) The food information management system according to claim 1, wherein

_____the ~~read means and the output means are linked to the food database by~~ network is the Internet.

8-12.   (Canceled)

13.   (Currently Amended) A food information management system, comprising:

a food processing plant for producing and shipping food in food packages, ~~each including processed food and an information storage medium comprising an RF-ID tag,~~ each of the food packages comprising an RFID tag storing at least food identification information relating to the food in the food package;

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a food database kept in a food information center comprising a food database, the food database and storing pieces of comprising food information classified by the food identification information;

information storage mediums each comprising an RF-ID tag and incorporated into a food and storing at least food ID information specifying the food; a read means capable of for reading the food ID-identification information from the information storage medium provided on the RFID tags and for sending the food ID identification information to the food information center;

an output means capable of for receiving the food information from the food information center; and

a display means capable of displaying the food information about a food; wherein:

(1) when the read means sends the food identification information to the food information center, the food information center retrieves the food information about a food specified by associated with the food ID-identification information, given thereto by the read means and sends the same food information to the output means,;

(2) the read means and the output means are incorporated into provided in a refrigerator, and the read means and the output means interact with the food information center remotely over a network,; and

(3) the display means is connected to the output means.

14.   (Currently Amended) The food information management system according to claim 13, wherein

————————the food information ~~stored in the food database includes~~ comprises cooking

conditions for cooking ~~foods~~the food, ~~and~~ nutritive ingredients in the food, energy-producing

values of the food and a weight of ~~foods~~the food.

15.   (Currently Amended) The food information management system according to

claim 13, wherein

————————the food information ~~stored in the food database includes~~ comprises nutritive

ingredients in the food, forbidden ingredients in the food, energy-producing values of the food

and a weight of ~~foods~~the food.

16.   (Currently Amended) The food information management system according to

claim 13, wherein

——————— ~~the read means and the output means are linked to the food database by~~ the

network is the Internet.

17-21. (Canceled)